

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event

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Purpose of Event

The ability to deliver a speech on one of three agricultural topics after 30 minutes of preparation is essential to any career. FFA activities are an integral part of the instructional program in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education. Through the Extemporaneous Public Speaking event, students will have the opportunity to think on their feet and make their case quickly and persuasively.

State Core Curriculum Content Standards

Through Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Education, FFA is helping students meet the State Core Curriculum Content Standards in various areas. The Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event teaches students about Language Arts Literacy and Visual and Performing Arts. Some examples of how the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event is meeting these standards are:

All students will develop, apply and reflect upon knowledge of the process of critique.

- FFA members learn the importance of critique through their participation in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event. [1.4 Visual and Performing Arts: Critique]

All students will understand and apply the knowledge of sounds, letters, and words in written English to become independent and fluent readers, and will read a variety of materials and texts with fluency and comprehension.

- Through the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event, students read various materials and texts in the preparation and research of their speech topic. [3.1 - Language Arts Literacy: Reading]

All students will write in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn abilities to non-verbally communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner. [3.2 - Language Arts Literacy: Writing]

All students will speak in clear, concise, organized language that varies in content and form for different audiences and purposes.

- Through agricultural education, students learn abilities to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner. [3.3 - Language Arts Literacy: Speaking]

Rules of Event

All Career Development Events will follow the general rules, which are published in the NJ State FFA Activity Guide (Form 7.000). This event will consist of three (3) phases: Phase I - Preparation (30 minutes – students are allowed up to five (5) resources); Phase II – Presentation (4-6 minutes); Phase III – Questions (5 minutes). The participants will draw three specific topics, selected at random from the pool of 12, relating to the industry of agriculture. From the three, they will choose the topic of their choice. Chapters may have one (1) participant compete. For more details on this event, [click here](#) consult the [National FFA Career Development Event Handbook](#).

Scoring for the New Jersey Event

Phase I - Preparation - 400 points
Phase II – Presentation - 400 points
Phase III – Questions – 200 points
Individual Total – 1000 points

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